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R 220800Z MAY 78
FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4862
INFO AMCONSUL CHIANG MAI
AMCONSUL HONG KONG
USLO PEKING
INCCPAC
DEA HQS WASHDC
OSD/LA
OSAF/SAFLL
DA/SACLL
CHIEF LEG AFF (NAVY)
AMCONSUL UDORN

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EO 11652: NA
TAGS: OREP (RANGEL, CHARLES)
SUBJ: CODEL WOLFF

REF A. STATE 121669, B. STATE 118183

1. EMB WELCOMES VISIT CODEL WOLFF DEL TO BANGKOK JULY
6-11. FSO GEORGE TRAIL IS CONTROL OFFICER; FREDERICK FORD,
DEA IS DEP CONTROL OFFICER. TRAIL TEL: 252-5040 EXT 540, HOME 392-
3535; FORD TEL 252-5040, EXT 422, HOME 392-3971.

2. WE ARE IN PROCESS OF DEVELOPING PROGRAM FOR CODEL ALONG
LINES SUGGESTED REF B. HOWEVER, TRAVEL TO AND FROM CHIANG MAI
MUST BE ACCOMPOISHED VIA COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT OR SMALLER MIL-
ITARY AIRCRAFT (DAO PLANE HOLDS 8 PASSENGERS AND COULD
BE USED). AIR ATTACHE, CHIEF AIR FORCE DIV, JUSMAGTHAI, AND
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DEA AVIATION ADVISOR AGREE THAT IT IS NOT RPT NOT ADVISABLE
TO ATTEMPT LAND CODEL'S LARGE MILITARY AIRCRAFT AT CHIANG MAI.
ALTHOUGH RUNWAY COULD ACCOMMODATE AIRCRAFT, GROUND SUPPORT
EQUIPMENT INADEQUATE, IT IS NOT AN INSTRUMENT RUNWAY, TERE
ARE MOUNTAIN RANGES IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO AIRFIELD, AND INCLEMENT
WEATHER IS COMMON DURING PERIOD OF SCHEDULED VISIT BY
CODEL.

3. IT APPEARS THAT MOST FEASIBLE WAY TO SCHEDULE VISIT TO REFUGEE CAMP WOULD BE TO INCLUDE IT IN CONJUNCTION WITH CHIANG MAI TRIP. DAO PLANE, WHICH HOLDS MAX 8 PASSENGERS, COULD TRANSPORT SOME CODEL MEMBERS AND STAFF TO UDORN ON MORNING JULY 9 FOR VISIT TO NONG KHAI CAMP, LARGEST IN THAILAND. ALTERNATELY, RTG HELICOPTERS COULD BE USED TO VISIT NAM YAO REFUGEE CAMP. HOWEVER, HELICOPTER FLT TIME FROM CHIANG MAI TO NAM YAO APPROX SAME AS TIME TO UDORN BY DAO AIRCRAFT. ALSO, WE WOULD HAVE TO EXAMINE SECURITY ASPECTS OF NAM YAO VISIT CLOSELY. RTG HELO WAS SHOT DOWN BY INSURGENTS IN NEIGHBORING DISTRICT RECENTLY. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT USE OF DAO AIRCRAFT WOULD ENTAIL COST OF \$352 PER FLYING HOUR OR APPROX \$1400 FOR BANGKOK/UDORN/BANGKOK TRIP. WE WILL EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF USING RTG AIRCRAFT FOR SOME IN-COUNTRY TRAVEL TO FACILITATE SCHEDULING AND MINIMIZE COSTS.

3. FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR CODEL WOLFF DEL VISIT TO THAILAND:
THURSDAY JULY 6

1300- ARRIVE DON MUANG INT AIRPORT
1400-ARRIVE DUSIT THANI HOTEL
1500 - COUNTRY TEAM BRIEFING, INCLUDING DEA, AT EMBASSY
1630 - RETURN HOTEL
2000 - DINNER HOSTED BY EMBASSY TO INCLUDE SENIOR THAI AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OTHERS INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS REFUGEE FIELD.

FRIDAY JULY 7

AM - CALLS ON SENIOR RTG OFFICIALS, INCLUDING APPROPRIATE CABINET MEMBERS.
PM - POSSIBLE WORKING LUNCH AND MEETING WITH ONCB SEC GEN PHAO SARASIN AND OTHER OFFICIALS.
EVENING - OPEN (POSSIBLE EARLY DEPARTURE NEXT MORNING)

SATURDAY JULY 8

0615 - DEPART HOTEL FOR DON MUANG (EARLY DEPARTURE DICTATED BY AIRLINE SCHEDULE. LATER FLTS DO NOT REACH CHIANG MAI UNTIL NOON).
0730 - DEPART DON MUANG VIA TH 141 FOR CHIANG MAI
0910 - ARRIVE CHIANG MAI. BOARD HELICOPTERS FOR OVERFLY OF NARCOTICS GROWING AREAS AND VISIT TO UN CROP SUBSTITUTION PROJECT AT DOI SAHM MEUM. PICNIC LUNCH ON SITE.

1230 - ARRIVE CHIANG MAI
AFTERNOON - FREE

1900 - BUFFET DINNER HOSTED BY US CONSUL MAURICE TANNER
REMAIN OVERNIGHT

SUNDAY JULY 9

0900 - DEPART CHAING MAI FOR UDORN (SIZE OF PARTY DEPENDENT
UPON AIRCRAFT).

1030 - ARRIVE UDORN. DEPART FOR NONG KHAI BY ROAD

1115 - ARRIVE NONG KHAI REFUGEE CAMP

1230 - LUNCH

1330 - DEPART FOR UDORN

1415 - ARRIVE UDORN. DEPART FOR BANGKOK

1545 - ARRIVE DON MUANG

1630 - ARRIVE HOTEL. REMAINDER OF DAY FREE

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ANY MEMBERS OF PARTY NOT TRAVELING TO UDORN WOULD RETURN
DIRECTLY TO BANGKOK VAI TH 110 DEPARTING CHIANG MAI AT 1015
AND ARRIVING BANGKOK AT 1115.

MONDAY JULY 10

AM - VISIT CUSTOMS HOUSE AT KHLONG TOEY FOR MEETING WITH
CUSTOMS OFFICIALS. RIVER TOUR ABOARD US-PROVIDED CUSTOMS BOAT
FOLLOWED BY LUNCH.

EVENING - POSSIBLE RTG RECEPTION/DINNER

TUESDAY JULY 11

AM - DEPART FOR HONG KONG

4. WE HAVE NOT DISCUSSED ABOVE PROGRAM WITH RTG OFFICIALSE.
THEY MAY HAVE ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS AND HOPEFULLY MAY OFFER
AIRCRAFT SUPPORT FOR INCOUNTRY TRAVEL OF CODEL. WE WOULD
APPRECIATE CODEL'S REACTION AND COMMENTS PRPOSED SECHEULE
AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE SO THAT WE MAY PROCEED WITH JONG PLANNING
WITH RTG OFFICIALS. ADDITIONALLY, AMERICAN CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE, THAILAND, WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO MEET
WITH CODEL. WE CAN WORK THIS INTO SCHEDULE IF CODEL CON-
CURS.
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